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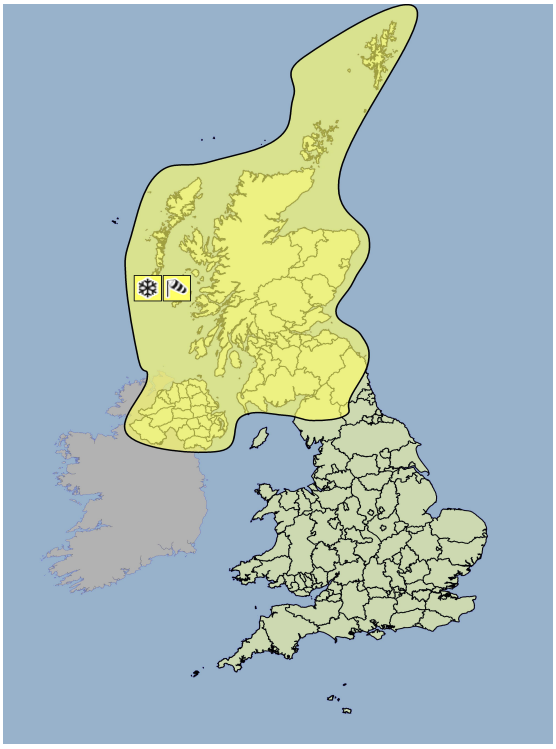

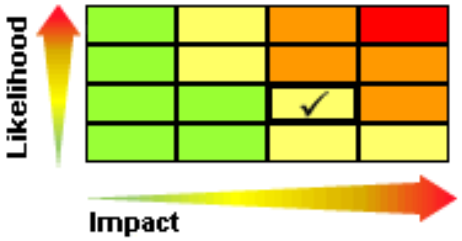

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A cold front will clear away southeastwards during Friday afternoon, introducing a much colder and deeply unstable airmass for Friday night and most of Saturday. Showers will turn increasingly heavy, frequent and wintry during Friday evening, particularly across northern and western parts of Scotland, with the gale force winds causing blizzard conditions at times. By Saturday afternoon showers will tend to become lighter and less frequent, with fresh snow becoming mainly confined to higher ground.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Wind and Snow**

Valid from **00:05 on Sat, 30th Jan 2016** until **15:00 on Sat, 30th Jan 2016**

Frequent wintry showers, heavy at times, are expected across northern UK during Saturday. The heaviest snow showers are most likely northwest of the Central Belt of Scotland. Here, away from the immediate coast, around 5-10 cm of snow could accumulate. Elsewhere, snow accumulations will be more localised, with around 1-3 cm possible, primarily above 100 metres.

Widespread gales are also expected with some gusts of 70mph initially across the north of Scotland. Here, drifting of snow is likely in strong to gale force winds with local blizzard conditions, particularly on high ground.

Road surface temperatures are expected to fall below freezing Friday night into Saturday morning, bringing some icy patches.

An additional hazard is ice accretion on overhead cables and some disruption to power supplies.

This warning has been updated to become a combined snow and wind warning.

Be aware of difficult driving conditions and localised disruption to travel.

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